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# PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN

## SOMEBODY

## IS KILLING THEM ALL!



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While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

Stan Lee  
PRESENTS:

# THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!

## THE VENGEANCE GAMBIT!

THE WEATHER IN NEW YORK CAN BE QUITE HARSH. THE WINDS SWIRL THROUGH ITS CONCRETE CANYONS. AS IF BESECHING THE MORE FOOLISH OF THE CITIZENRY TO BRAVE THE ELEMENTS OF THE NIGHT. TO RISK BEING LOST FOREVER AMID THE GATHERING DARKNESS.

TONIGHT, VERY FEW ANSWER THE SUMMONS. MOST NEW YORKERS ARE NOT THE FOOLS THE ELEMENTS MIGHT WISH FOR.

BUT, OF COURSE, 'MOST' DOES NOT INCLUDE THE YOUTHFUL ADVENTURER KNOWN AS... THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!

PHEW! THAT WIND IS BRUTAL! NIGHTS LIKE THIS, I WISH I'D BEEN BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE ~~AC~~ COCKATRICE... INSTEAD OF A SPIDER!

THEN I'D BE AT HOME NOW... SNUGGLING UP TO A WARM LEDGER!

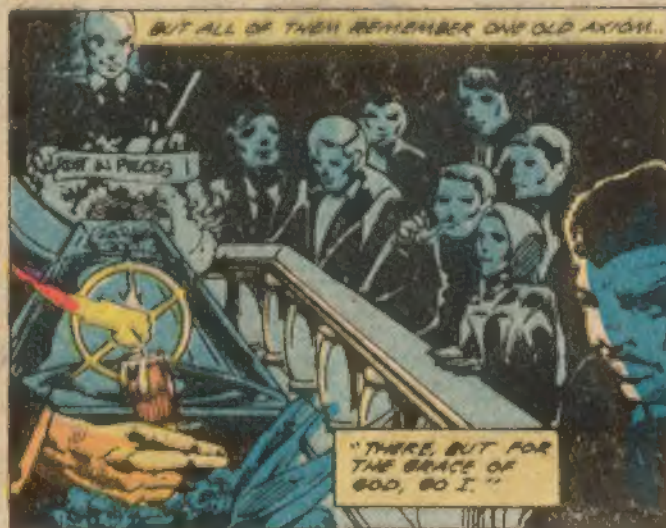
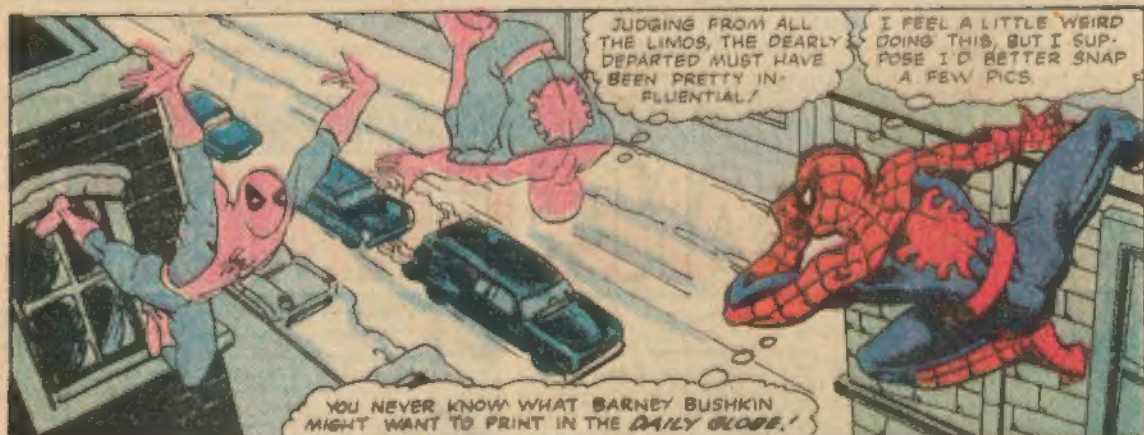
HEY, LOOK AT ALL THOSE CARS! I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE CRAZY ENOUGH TO BE OUT TONIGHT!

WHOO! THOSE AREN'T RANDOM CARS... THAT'S A HEARSE IN THE LEAD IT'S A FUNERAL PROCESSION!

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THEN...

THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS. BEFORE I BEGIN, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

YEAH! WHY'D YOU MAKE US LUS BIG LOUIE'S BODY OVER HERE?



SURELY YOU KNOW THE ANSWER, HARRY! BIG LOUIE'S LAST REMAINS SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT AWAITS THOSE WHO REFUSE MY UNCLE'S BID TO CONTROL THE MOBS IN NEW YORK!



AS YOU KNOW, SINCE THE KINGPIN'S RETIREMENT,\* THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF... AA... INDEPENDENT THOUGHT AMONGST THE RANKS OF NEW YORK'S GANGLORDS.

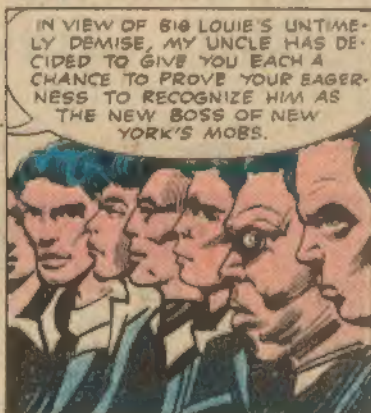
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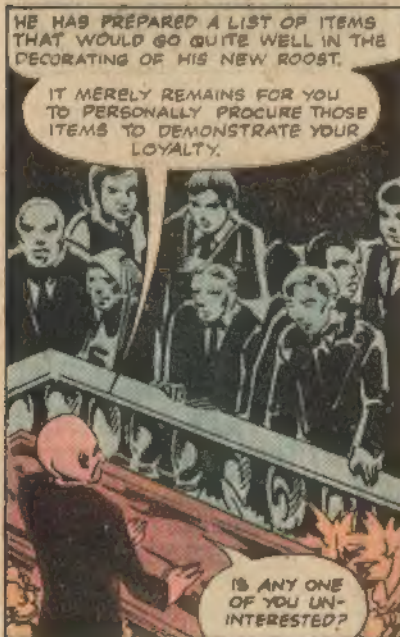
MY UNCLE DOES NOT APPROVE. IN FACT, I BELIEVE HE WARNED YOU ALL PERSONALLY!

BIG LOUIE DID NOT LISTEN. I TRUST THE REST OF YOU WILL BE MORE... ATTENTIVE.

NOW, SHALL WE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS?



IN VIEW OF BIG LOUIE'S UNTIMELY DEMISE, MY UNCLE HAS DECIDED TO GIVE YOU EACH A CHANCE TO PROVE YOUR EAGERNESS TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS THE NEW BOSS OF NEW YORK'S MOBS.



HE HAS PREPARED A LIST OF ITEMS THAT WOULD GO QUITE WELL IN THE DECORATING OF HIS NEW ROOST.

IT MERELY REMAINS FOR YOU TO PERSONALLY PROCURE THOSE ITEMS TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR LOYALTY.

IS ANY ONE OF YOU UNINTERESTED?



THERE IS A MOMENT OF SILENCE. THEN...

I THOUGHT NOT. AS YOU LEAVE, MY ASSISTANT WILL HAND YOU A LIST WITH THE ITEM MY UNCLE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PROVIDE CIRCLED. GOOD EVENING.



AND, AS THE LAST OF THE MOURNERS FILE OUT OF THE ANCIENT BUILDING...

YOU HAVE DONE WELL, MALACHAI. YOU WILL BE REWARDED.

YOUR APPRECIATION IS REWARD ENOUGH, UNCLE!

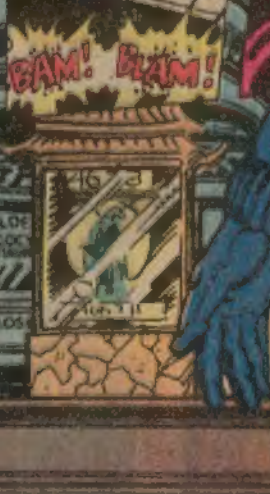
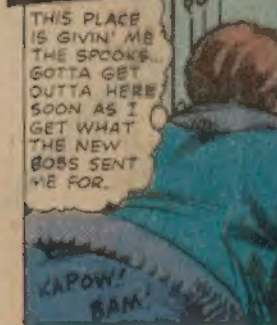




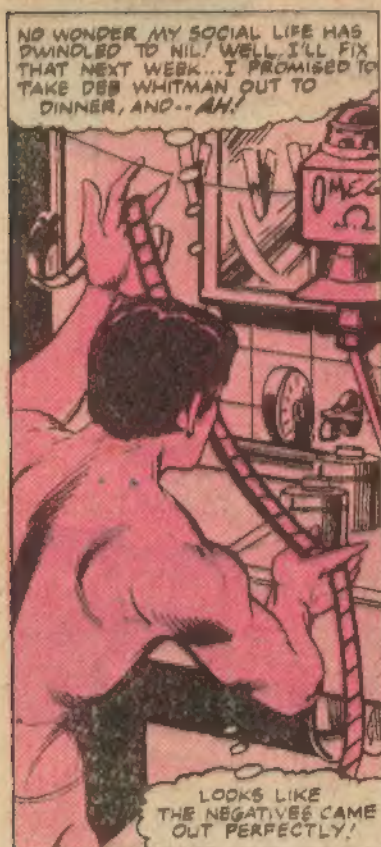
THERE IS SCREAMING EVERYWHERE-- JOYOUS SHOUTS CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR ARE HEARD ON EVERY STREET IN NEW YORK'S CHINESE CHINATOWN.













BUT WHILE PETER PARKER TAKES A MUCH NEEDED REST.

YES, UNCLE--IT'S DOLENE. IT APPEARS THAT THE REBELLION IN THE RANKS HAS HARDLY COME TO AN END.

NO, MALACHAI. I BELIEVE WE HAVE ONLY ONE DISIDENT LEFT. FOR THE PRESENT, HOWEVER, I WILL DO NOTHING TO STOP HIM.

INDEED, I ALMOST WELCOME HIS EFFORTS TO GET RID OF OUR DEAD WOOD, SO TO SPEAK.

BUT SHOULD OUR FRIEND GET OUT OF HAND, THEN I SHALL BE FORCED TO DO SOMETHING QUITE... MESSY.

MORNING AT THE DAILY GLOBE...

MAN, I WAS MORE TIRED THAN I THOUGHT... OVERSLEPT AGAIN! I HAVE TO TURN IN THESE PICS AND MAKE A DASH FOR ESU BEFORE I'M LATE! I HAVE A CLASS TO TEACH THIS MORNING.

HI, BARNEY! NO TIME TO TALK... HERE ARE THE CHINATOWN PRINTS! HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO CHECK 'EM OUT, BUT THEY LOOK PRETTY CLEAR!

I'M SURE THEY'RE PERFECT, LAD!

OH, BROTHER! THE TRAFFIC IS WORSE THAN EVER! I'D BETTER TAKE TO THE ROOFTOP.

BESIDES, A SPIDER-MAN CAN GET THROUGH THE CITY A LOT FASTER THAN ANY BUS OR CAB!

AND JUST MINUTES LATER...

MORNING CLASS! SORRY I'M...

...LATE?

THE OTHERS DECIDED NOT TO WAIT ANY LONGER, MR. PARKER... BUT I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET US DOWN!

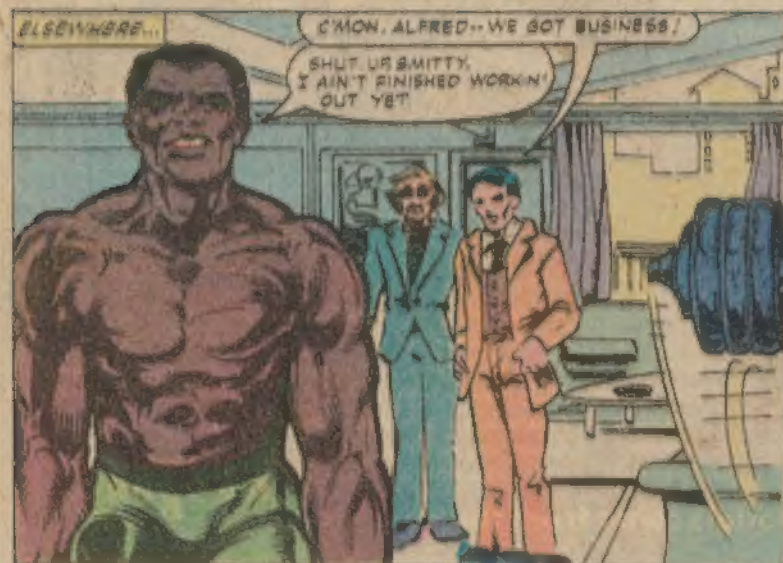
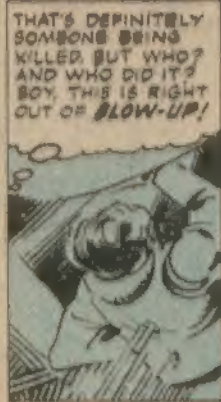
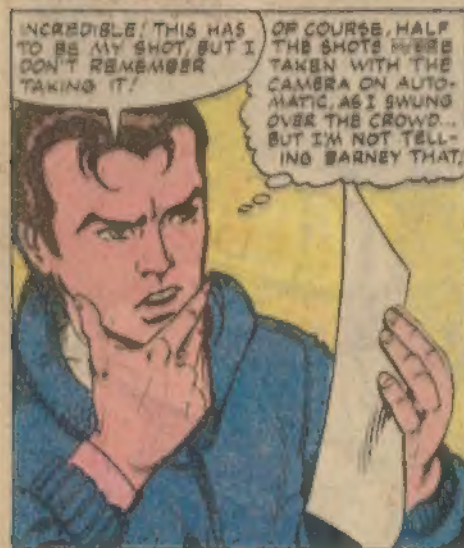
HARVEY K. PARKER VALUES EDUCATION ABOVE ALL ELSE!

TEACH ME, SIR!

HAVE A SEAT, HARV. IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG DAY.



SEVERAL HOURS LATER, IN THE AREA OF THE FACULTY LOUNGE SET ASIDE FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS...







THE OTHERS, THEY'RE ALL FLAG. ME, I'M SOLID MUSCLE.

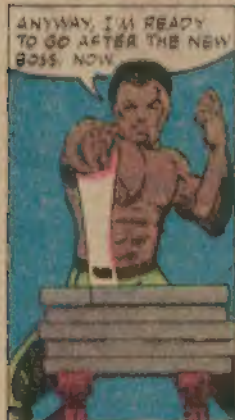
TWO HOURS EVERY DAY MADE ME A GANG LEADER, AND THERE AIN'T NO ONE WHO WANTS TO FIGHT ME.



WAY I SEE IT, THIS 'NEW BOSS' IS GONNA COME AFTER ME SOON. I'M SURE HE DIDN'T LIKE US KNOCKIN' OFF DOLENZ...



...EVEN THOUGH BOTH OF US KNEW DOLENZ WAS A SLOB.



ANYWAY, I'M READY TO GO AFTER THE NEW BOSS, NOW.



YOU BETTER BELIEVE I'M READY!



119 STREET AND LENCH AVENUE...

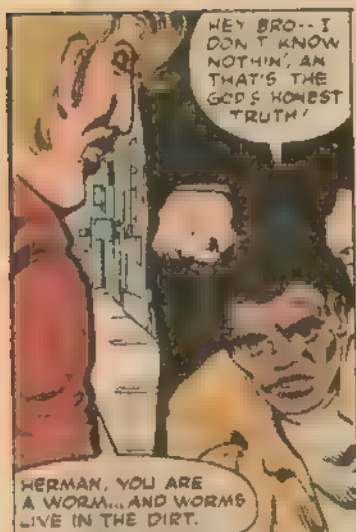
KRASHH!  
CRINDY!  
BLOOY!



WHERE IS HE, HERMAN?  
I WANT HIM NOW!



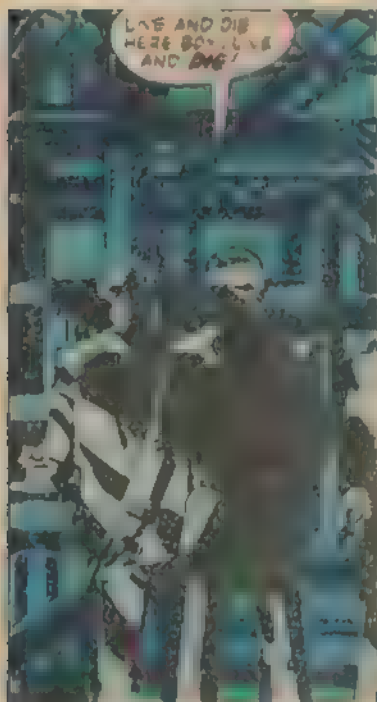




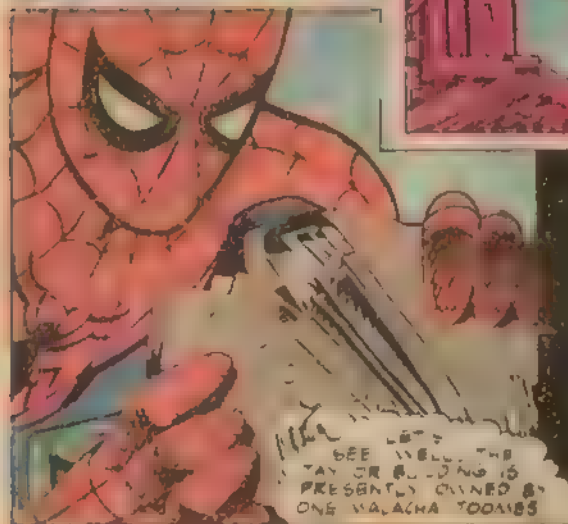
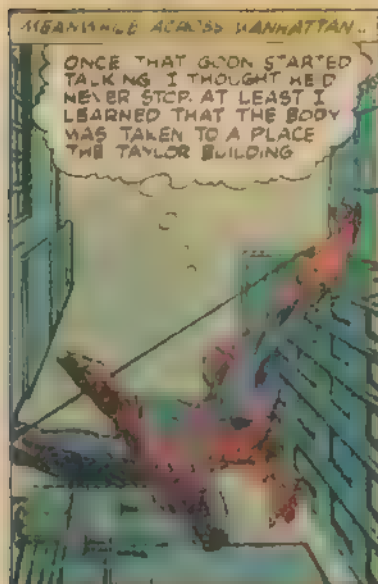














AND AS SPIDER-MAN SWINGS  
ACROSS TOWN NOT TOO FAR  
AWAY.

ONE THING I GOTTA SAY ABOUT  
OUR WOULD BE NEW BOSS HE  
DOES HAVE STYLE THIS S  
HE TEN ON THE LIST THAT  
I WAS SUPPOSED TO GET FOR  
HIM

HEY LOOK  
REAL VICE  
Y IN MY  
ELECTION



SURE WILL ALFRED  
HEY, YOU WANT US TO  
CARRY OFF ALL THIS  
JUNK?

YOU KNOW  
I DON'T THINK  
THE FORMER OWNER  
HERE'S GONNA MISS  
IT! STRIP THE  
PLACE BARE.

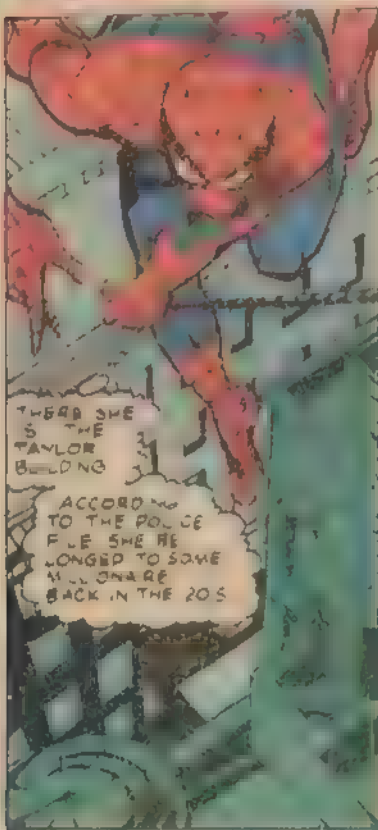
I'LL SEE  
YOU LATER I  
GOT BUSINESS  
AT THE TAYLOR  
BUILDING!



A REALLY RE  
SPECTED POLAR  
OF THE COMMUN  
DON'T HAVE A B  
GLE ENEMY AND  
THEN ONE DAY THEY  
DISCOVERED HIM

IF ANYONE EVER SAID BOO TO OLD  
MAN TAYLOR, HE'D FEED THEM  
TO THE FURNACE IN HIS  
BASEMENT

UH-OH! MY SPIDER-  
SENSE IS GOING  
NUTS IF I'M IN  
THAT MUCH DANGER  
I'D BETTER TRY  
FOR A FRONTAL  
ATTACK.

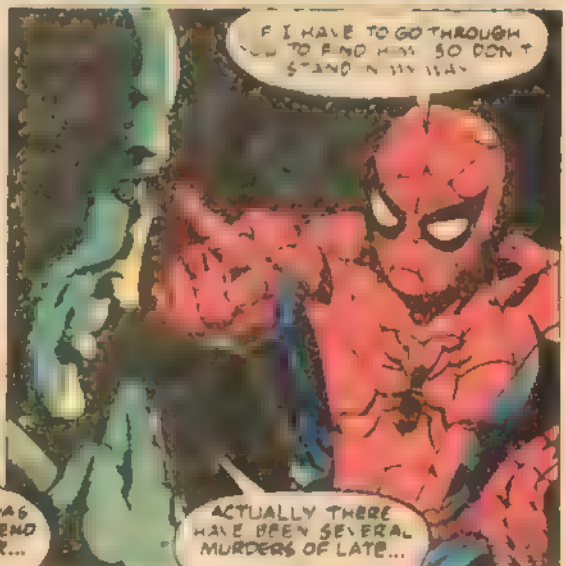
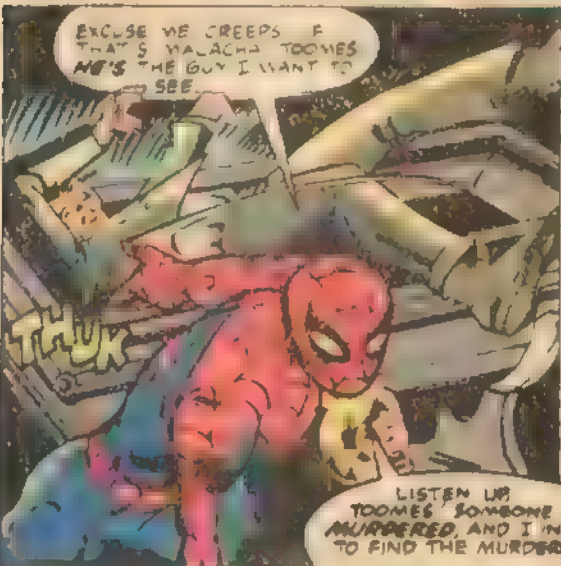


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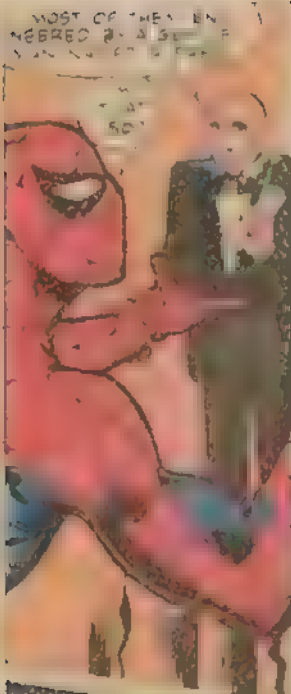
ACCORDING  
TO THE POLICE  
FILE SHE HE  
LONGED TO SOME  
MILLIONAIRE  
BACK IN THE 20S











MOST OF THEM IN  
NEEDED A LITTLE  
MORE OF THE



IS NOT THAT  
THAT INFORMATION  
DO YOU  
GOOD SINCE YOU  
ARE DEAD

WHAT DO  
YOU COVING  
YOUR  
LEGATION



NOT KNOFF  
GAS KARR  
AS A  
LADY... WHO  
USED GAS, A  
YOU D THINK  
I D LEARNNE

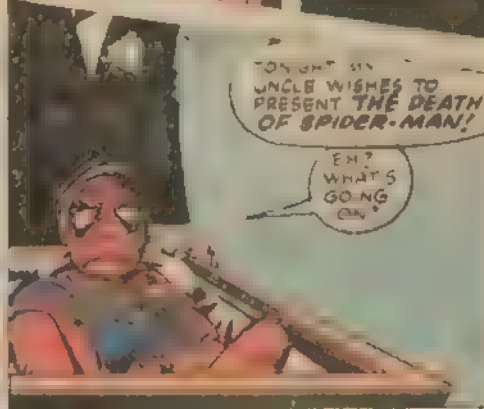


NOW GENTLEMEN,  
I TRUST YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
TO DO.



GEN E MEN  
YEARS AGO THIS  
SCENE WAS THE SCENE OF  
A MURDER WE ARE  
GATHERED HERE TO CONTINUE  
A THAT GRAND TRADITION

SPIDER-MAN  
Rest in Peace



TONIGHT MY  
UNCLE WISHES TO  
PRESENT THE DEATH  
OF SPIDER-MAN!

EH?  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON



WHAT THE  
HE? I'M  
NOT NO



# BULLPEN BULLETINS

## STAN'S SOAPBOX

Well, gang, by now all of Marvel-dom has had a chance to latch onto our latest and probably greatest production, the long-awaited EPIC ILLUSTRATED. The final sales figures aren't yet complete, but from all the preliminary reports it looks as though EPIC will be the biggest sellout sensation of the decade! If the amount of mail we've received is any indication, it seems that your excitement and enthusiasm will make EPIC the biggest thing since Galactus! And there's one other factor that convinces me that EPIC is something truly special — the guys and gals in the business themselves, the artists, writers, editors, letterers, colorists, and production people — the ones who work on magazines day in and day out, the ones who've seen it all and done it all — they happen to be our very big-

gest boosters! They seem to be as thrilled with EPIC as anyone!

Now don't go figuring that this is just another sales pitch, another howlin' example of Lee's typical high-pressure hype, 'cause it isn't! I'm not selling a thing today — in fact, we haven't any left to sell! The ever-passionate, pantin' public has already bought out every copy it could get its hands on. I'm just writing these lovable little lines 'cause I thought you'd like to know what's happening with the magazine to which you've given such a fantastic, rousing reception. It looks like you've made EPIC ILLUSTRATED a roaring success, and the whole blushin' Bullpen joins me in saying, "Thanks a heap — you're heroes all!"

Excelsior!

*Stan*

## THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST!

**MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #85** — The Thing and Triton vs. the Serpent Squad in a race to retrieve the Serpent Crown.

**SHOGUN WARRIORS #16** — The Shoguns in an all-out battle against the Alien attack on Earth!

**SPIDER-WOMAN #28** — To save Scotty's life, Spider-Woman must ally herself with the Enforcer.

**STAR TREK #4** — "The Haunted House of Space!"

**SPIDEY SUPER STORIES #47** — Mighty Marvel and the Electric Company bring you more exciting, easy-to-read tales of the web-slinger.

**DAREDEVIL #165** — DD faces Spider-Man's deadliest foe... Doctor Octopus!

**MARVEL SUPER-HEROES #89** — "Marty Foes Has the Hulk!" — and the Leader turns them all against our Green Giant! A Hulk classic.

**AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #206** — Jonah Jameson's terrible secret!

**CAPTAIN AMERICA #247** — "The Return of Baron Strucker!"

**THOR #287** — Thor's quest for the Ring of Power continues!

**MICRONAUTS #19** — The Micro-neute face Odd John, the mutant-insect master!

**DAZZLER #1** — Because you demanded it — Daz in her own mag! Guest-starring Spider-Man, the X-Men, and the Avengers.

**GHOST RIDER #48** — Johnny Blaze must meet a challenge to his title as the world's greatest cyclist!

**BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #17** — "Forbidden Fruit!" What it can do to a man will make your skin crawl!

**SAVAGE SHE-HULK #6** — She-Hulk takes on the invincible Iron Man!

**MARVEL FUN AND GAMES #11** — All new brain twisters to tickle your fancy.

**INCREDIBLE HULK #246** — The man-brute in battle against Jack Frost. Art by study Steve Ditko.

**AVENGERS #187** — A new man ace stalks the unsuspecting Avengers. And don't miss the most shocking surprise of all!

**CONAN #112** — Conan lays siege to the City of the Bear God!

**MARVEL TALES #117** — One of Spidey's greatest hits: Showdown with the Grizzly!

**MARVEL'S GREATEST COMICS #90** — Re-presenting the Fantastic Four's epic struggle to free Reed from the Negative Zone!

**X-MEN #126** — Can even the X-Men stop an all-powerful Phoenix-turned-evil?

**TALES TO ASTONISH #6** — From the best of Marvel — Subby slugs it out with the lightning-mad Thing!

**ROM #6** — ROM's most powerful weapon falls into the hands of the deadly Dire Wraiths!

**STAR WARS #37** — Luke fights a death-duel with Darth Vader!

**MASTER OF KUNG FU #90** — Shang-Chi rumbles with a vicious street-gang in New York's China town!

**FANTASTIC FOUR #220** — Canada's favorite son John Byrne writes and draws this titanic tale of the FF in mortal combat with invading Aliens in — where else? — Canada!

**MARVEL TEAM-UP #85** — Meet the awesomely acrobatic Mockingbird. Is she Spider-Man's friend — or deadly enemy?

**IRON MAN #135** — Wait'll you see the new villain Shell-head tangles with in merry ol' England. He'll send a chill up your spine!

**SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #44** — Someone is killing New York's top mobsters. All Spidey's gotta find out is, who's doing it — and why!

**DEFENDERS #85** — The Black Panther joins the Defenders to take on the Mandarin's minions!

**MARVEL SUPER ACTION #21** — Yellowjacket's secret revealed! The best from Marvel's past.

**AMAZING ADVENTURES #8** — Re-printing our finest. Disaster strikes the X-Men as they battle the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants.

**FANTASY MASTERPIECES #8** — "Mephisto strikes back!" A Lee-Buscombe golden oldie! Plus: Wizard!

**MAN-THING #5** — How can the Man-Thing save a terrified young woman stalked by a man who knows no fear?

**MARVEL SPOTLIGHT #7** — Star-Lord arrives on a strange planet called... Heaven!

**MARVEL TREASURY #26: THE RAMPAGING HULK** — The Green Goliath in action against the Harpy, the Bi-Beast, Modor, and the whole blamed world in general. Bonus: a new Wolverine-Hercules team-up!

## MARVEL MAGAZINES

**CRAZY #63** — Now — Crazy is crazier than ever with madcap comedy from Steve Skates, Marie Severin, Tom Sutton, Dave Morris, Mike Golden, Bob McLeod, Paul Kupperberg, Tom Mackman, Paul Kirchner and many, many more. Don't miss it!

**SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #53** — The Barbarian on a quest to retrieve his own stolen soul!

**TOMB OF DRACULA #5** — Dracula unleashes his wrath upon the renegade vampire! Then, a terrifying new regular feature: *Little Daughter of Dracula!*

**THE HULK #21** — The Incredible One ventures into the magical kingdom of the Myth Realm. Plus: the debut of Dominic Fortune!

**MAKE MINE MARVEL!**

**MARVEL'S MOST MINDBOGGLING HEROES!**



**MACHINE  
man**  
THE LIVING ROBOT

**THE  
MAN-THING**

**ON SALE BI-MONTHLY!**





# THE THING

# IN "SUNDAY PUNCH!"

A QUIET SUNDAY. OR IS IT?

SHEESH! I GO OUT FOR SOME GOODIES AND LOOK WHAT I RUN INTO!

I AM PROGRAMMED TO DESTROY.

NOT ME, YOU AIN'T.

OOF! MY SUNDAY PUNCH AIN'T DOIN' MUCH.

YOU WILL NOT STOP ME.

I'LL JUST HAVE TO GET SERIOUS. BUT I GOTTA GET THESE RUBBERNECKERS TO SAFETY, FIRST. BUT, HOW?

GOT IT! A SURE-FIRE ATTRACTION!

HEY! HOSTESS FRUIT PIES!

REAL FRUIT FILLING!

APPLE! CHERRY! PEACH!

LIGHT, TENDER CRUST! WOW!

THEY'LL BE SO BUSY EATING, THEY'LL STAY OUT OF MY WAY.

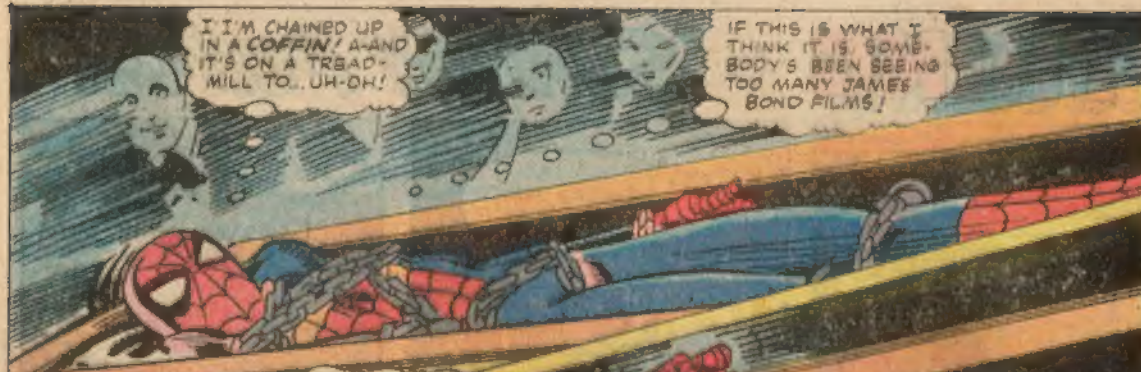
THWONK!  
KRUNCH!  
STOMP!

AIN'T NOTHIN' LEFT OF THAT GUY BUT A TON OF BRICKS. BUT THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' LEFT OF THE HOSTESS FRUIT PIES FOR ME, EITHER. YA WIN ONE, YA LOSE ONE.

YOU GET A BIG DELIGHT IN EVERY BITE OF HOSTESS' FRUIT PIES

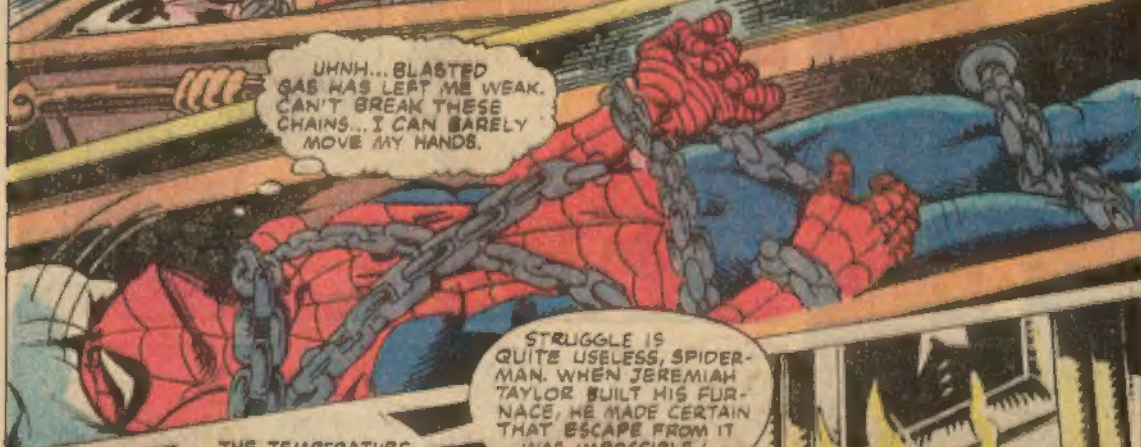







I'M CHAINED UP  
IN A COFFIN! A-AND  
IT'S ON A TREAD-  
MILL TO...UH-OH!

IF THIS IS WHAT I  
THINK IT IS, SOME-  
BODY'S BEEN SEEING  
TOO MANY JAMES  
BOND FILMS!




UHHH...BLASTED  
GAS HAS LEFT ME WEAK.  
CAN'T BREAK THESE  
CHAINS...I CAN BARELY  
MOVE MY HANDS.

STRUGGLE IS  
QUITE USELESS, SPIDER-  
MAN. WHEN JEREMIAH  
TAYLOR BUILT HIS FUR-  
NACE, HE MADE CERTAIN  
THAT ESCAPE FROM IT  
WAS IMPOSSIBLE!



THE TEMPERATURE  
IS INCREASING...ONE  
THOUSAND DEGREES  
AND RISING! I DARE  
SAY, SPIDER-MAN--



YOU WILL BE DEAD LONG  
BEFORE THE FLAMES ACTUALLY  
CONSUME YOU. ISN'T THAT  
RIGHT, UNCLE?

QUITE RIGHT,  
MALACHAI! FARE-  
WELL, SPIDER-  
MAN! THIS IS A  
PLEASURE I HAVE  
LONG AWAITED!

THAT VOICE...  
THEN MY SUSPICIONS  
WERE RIGHT! YOU  
ARE BEHIND THIS!

OF  
COURSE! WHO ELSE  
COULD HAVE ENGINEERED  
YOUR END BUT...





**THE VULTURE II**

AND I  
SHALL GO DOWN IN  
ALL THE HISTORY  
BOOKS AS **THE MAN  
WHO MURDERED  
SPIDER-MAN!**

**NO!**

**NEXT  
ISSUE**

**WINGS OF FIRE, WINGS OF FEAR!**